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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **HIGH THROUGHPUT MICROBIAL CULTURING**, the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on September 29, 2000 as Application No. 09/675,382.
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- ☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- ☐ with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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Priority  
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Yes

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No

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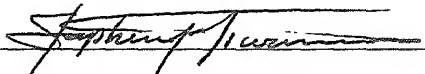
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